

Claims to directed orders

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic market system for trading of securities comprises:
 - a client station for entering a directed order to begin a negotiation process with a selected quoting market participant;
 - a server system receiving the directed order, the server system delivering the order, as a liability or non-liability order in accordance with how the selected quoting market participant chooses to receive directed orders.
2. The system of claim 1 wherein the quoting market participant is assigned a specific MMID.
3. The system of claim 2 wherein if a market participant chooses to accept liability orders, the system appends an indicator to the quoting market participant's MMID, showing that the market participant is available to receive directed liability orders.
4. The system of claim 1 further comprising a second client station for entering nondirected orders that are orders for a security that is not sent/routed to a particular quoting market participant.
5. The system of claim 4 wherein the nondirected are stored in a non-directed order queue.
6. The system of claim 5 wherein directed orders are processed independent of the non-directed order queue.

1 7. The system of claim 5 wherein the server receives quotes
2 from quoting market participants for a particular security with
3 the quotes indicating a size.

1 8. The system of claim 5 wherein delivery of a directed order
2 to a quoting market participant does not decrement the quote size
3 of that quoting market participant for that security.

1 9. The system of claim 1 wherein if the quoting market
2 participant to which the directed order is sent selects to
3 receive liability directed orders, the directed order at the time
4 of entry is designated as an "All-or-None" order ("AON") that is
5 at least one normal unit of trading in excess of an attributable
6 quote/order of the quoting market participant to which the order
7 is directed.

1 10. The system of claim 1 wherein if the quoting market
2 participant to which the directed order is sent selects to
3 receive liability directed orders, the directed order at the time
4 of entry is designated as a "Minimum Acceptable Quantity" order
5 ("MAQ") with a value of at least one normal unit of trading in
6 excess of Attributable Quote/Order of the Quoting Market
7 Participant to which the order is directed.

1 11. The system of claim 1 wherein if the quoting market
2 participant to which the directed order is sent selects to
3 receive liability directed orders, the system determines if order
4 otherwise qualifies as a non-liability order under market and/or

regulatory rules.

12. A method for trading securities in an electronic market comprises:

receiving a directed order to begin a negotiation process with a particular quoting market participant; and
delivering the order, as liability or non-liability order in accordance with how the quoting market participant chooses to receive directed orders.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein if the quoting market participant chose to accept liability orders, the method further comprises:

appending an indicator to a quoting market participant's MMID, which when displayed at a client station shows that the market participant is available to receive directed liability orders.

14. The method of claim 12 wherein if the quoting market participant to which a Directed Order is sent selects to receive liability directed orders, the method further comprises:

determining whether the order was designated at the time of entry as an "All-or-None" order ("AON") that is at least one normal unit of trading in excess of an attributable quote/order of the quoting market participant to which the order is directed.

15. The method of claim 12 wherein if the quoting market participant to which a Directed Order is sent selects to receive liability directed orders, the method further comprises:

determining whether the order was designated at the time of

5 entry as a "Minimum Acceptable Quantity" order ("MAQ") with a
6 value of at least one normal unit of trading in excess of an
7 attributable quote/order of the quoting market participant to
8 which the order is directed.

1 16. The method of claim 12 wherein if the quoting market
2 participant to which the directed order is sent selects to
3 receive liability directed orders, the method further comprises:
4 determining if order otherwise qualifies as a non-liability
5 order under market and/or regulatory rules.

6 17. A computer program product residing on a computer readable
7 media for trading securities in an electronic market comprises
8 instructions for causing a computer to:

1 receive a directed order to begin a negotiation process with
2 a particular quoting market participant; and

3 deliver the order, as liability or non-liability order in
4 accordance with how the quoting market participant chooses to
5 receive directed orders.

6 18. The computer program product of claim 17 wherein if the
7 quoting market participant chose to accept liability orders, the
8 method further comprises:

1 appending an indicator to a quoting market participant's
2 MMID, which when displayed at a client station shows that the
3 market participant is available to receive directed liability
4 orders.

5 19. The computer program product of claim 17 wherein if the
6 quoting market participant to which a Directed Order is sent

3 selects to receive liability directed orders, the method further
4 comprises:

5 determining whether the order was designated at the time of
6 entry as an "All-or-None" order ("AON") that is at least one
7 normal unit of trading in excess of an attributable quote/order
8 of the quoting market participant to which the order is directed.

1 20. The computer program product of claim 17 wherein if the
2 quoting market participant to which a Directed Order is sent
3 selects to receive liability directed orders, the method further
4 comprises:

5 determining whether the order was designated at the time of
6 entry as a "Minimum Acceptable Quantity" order ("MAQ") with a
7 value of at least one normal unit of trading in excess of an
8 attributable quote/order of the quoting market participant to
9 which the order is directed.

10 21. The computer program product of claim 17 wherein if the
11 quoting market participant to which the directed order is sent
12 selects to receive liability directed orders, the method further
13 comprises:

14 determining if order otherwise qualifies as a non-liability
15 order under market and/or regulatory rules.
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